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In re Patent Application of: Shuji NAGANO et al.

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For: VALVE SYSTEM FOR INTERNAL

Examiner: Z. Eshete

COMBUSTION ENGINE

REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

MS AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated March 14, 2006, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

This reply includes:

- Amendments to the Specification;
- Amended Claim Set;
- Amendments to the Drawings;
- Remarks; and
- Two (2) Replacement Drawing Sheets Figs. 9 and 10.

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Docket No. AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER 0649-1153PUS1 Application No. Filing Date Examiner Art Unit December 16, 2003 Z. Eshete 3748 10/735,893-Conf. #3545 Applicant(s): Shuji NAGANO et al. Invention: VALVE SYSTEM FOR INTERNAL COMBUSTION ENGINE MS Amendment **Commissioner for Patents** P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. The fee has been calculated and is transmitted as shown below. **CLAIMS AS AMENDED** Claims Highest Remaining Number Number Previously **Extra Claims** After Rate Amendment Paid Present **Total Claims** 20 12 Х Independent 2 3 Х **Claims** Multiple Dependent Claims (check if applicable) Other fee (please specify): TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT: 0.00 Small Entity x Large Entity x No additional fee is required for this amendment. Please charge Deposit Account No. in the amount of \$ A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed. A check in the amount of \$ Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached. | X | The Director is hereby authorized to charge and credit Deposit Account No. as described below. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed. x | Credit any overpayment. Charge any additional filing or application processing fees required under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17.

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